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**Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE**

**Virtual Care Research Presentations at the 2023 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference**

We are very excited for the packed slate of Virtual Care related events and presentations. Last week, we sent a schedule of the VC Paper Sessions, workshops, and posters, but received notifications from authors of VC related papers in other sessions that we missed, prompting us to go back and find even more! The full list is reattached today, expanded to include the additional sessions below:

Thursday - February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023		
Homelessness	3:15-3:30pm	Increasing Use of Video Telehealth Among Veterans Experiencing Homelessness with Substance Use Disorder: Design of a Peer-led Intervention, Lynn Garvin, PhD, MBA
	3:30-3:45pm	Characteristics of Homeless-Experienced Veterans Using Telehealth for Primary Care Before and After COVID-19 Onset, Eunice Zhang, MD, MPH
Health Equity / SDoH	4:15-4:30pm	Racial, Ethnic, and Predominant Language Spoken at Home Differences in Secure Messaging Communication with Providers, Carolyn Turvey, PhD, MS

**Late Breaking Session on Access, Community Care, and Virtual Care**

This session, moderated by Kristin Mattocks, PhD, MPH, will provide an overview of the new Office of Integrated Veteran Care and research priorities for HSR&D investigators around issues in the intersection of access, community care and virtual care. An informal panel discussion will include leadership from IVC, OCC, and HSR&D, and encourage active participation from audience members. This session will take place on Friday, February 10 from 7:30-8:30 AM in Key Ballroom 11.

**VC CORE Hosted Events**

Finally, we hope to see you at two events hosted by the VC CORE:

- A Virtual Care Happy Hour *In-Person*, **Wednesday, ~7pm at Pendulum 401 (conference hotel bar)**

**Join the THRIVE Research Network!**

**TeleHealth Research and Innovation for VETERANS with Cancer (THRIVE)** is an NIH-funded research center on the intersection of teleoncology and social determinants of health (SDoH). Our overarching goal is to help VA understand how SDoH affect delivery of telehealth care for cancer. We aim to achieve this by conducting a pragmatic trial evaluation of the VA National TeleOncology Program (NTO), funding pilot projects in topics above, training the next generation of oncology researchers in VC and health equity, and creating a high-functioning network to facilitate further research. Anyone interested in joining the THRIVE network may email [Navid.Dardashti@va.gov](mailto:Navid.Dardashti@va.gov).

- A workshop led by our very own Donna Zulman – *Opportunities to Advance Virtual Care Access, Engagement, and Outcomes: VA Virtual Care CORE Discussion about Research Priorities and Data Sources*, **Thursday, February 9, from 11:00am – 12:30pm**
  - A special thanks to our guest subgroup facilitators Stephanie Shimada, Carolyn Turvey, Stephanie Robinson, Jackie Ferguson, Liberty Greene, Leonie Heyworth, and Amy O’Shea!

### Funding and Presentation Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
Check back next month!		

### Recent Virtual Care Publications

**Wow, a very robust 10 submissions this month! Thank you for submitting your work for inclusion!**

- Griffin, A., Troszak, L.K., Van Campen, J., Midboe, A.M., Zulman, DM. [Tablet distribution to veterans: an opportunity to increase patient portal adoption and use](#). *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, 10/2022.
- Ferguson, J.M., Wray C.M., Jacobs, J., Greene, L., Wagner, T.H., Odden, M.C., Freese, J., Van Campen, J., Asch, S.M., Heyworth, L., Zulman, D.M. [Variation in initial and continued use of primary, mental health, and specialty video care among Veterans](#). *Health Services Research*, 11/2022
- Tisdale, R.L., Ferguson, J., Van Campen, J., Greene, L., Sandhu, A.T., Heidenreich, P.A. and Zulman, D.M., [Disparities in virtual cardiology visits among Veterans Health Administration patients during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). *JAMIA Open*, 12/2022.
- Kaitz, J., Robinson, S.A., Petrakis, B.A. et al. [Veteran Acceptance of Sleep Health Information Technology: a Mixed-Method Study](#). *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science*, 12/2022.
- Hatef, E., Wilson, R.F., Hannum, S.M., Zhang, A., Kharrazi, H., Weiner, J.P., Davis, S.A., Robinson, K.A. [Use of Telehealth During the COVID-19 Era. Systematic Review](#). (Prepared by the Johns Hopkins University Evidence-based Practice Center under Contract No.75Q80120D00003.) *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*, 01/2023.
- Hoerster, K.D., Hunter-Merrill, R., Nguyen, T., et al. [Effect of a Remotely Delivered Self-directed Behavioral Intervention on Body Weight and Physical Health Status Among Adults With Obesity: The D-ELITE Randomized Clinical Trial](#). *JAMA*, 12/ 2022.
- Walsh, C., Sullivan, C., Bosworth, H.B., Wilson, S., Gierisch, J.M., Goodwin, K.B., Mccant, F., Hoenig, H., Heyworth, L., Zulman, D.M., Turvey, C., Moy, E., Lewinski, A.A. [Incorporating TechQuity in Virtual Care Within the Veterans Health Administration: Identifying Future Research and Operations Priorities](#). *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 01/2023.
- Frost, M.C., Zhang, L., Kim, H.M., Lin, L.A. [Use of and Retention on Video, Telephone, and In-Person Buprenorphine Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). *JAMA Network Open*, 10/2022.
- Frank C.J., Lin, L.A. [Defining and supporting high-quality telehealth for patients with opioid use disorder: The promise and potential pitfalls of telehealth expansion](#). *Substance Abuse*, 10/2022 Zullig, L.L., Raska, W., McWhirter, G., Sherman, S.E., Makarov, D., Becker, D., King, H.A., Pura, J., Jeffreys, A.S., Danus, S., Passero, V., Goldstein, K.M., Kelley, M.J. [Veterans Health Administration National TeleOncology Service](#). *JCO Oncology Practice*. 01/2023.

- Dhanani, Z., Ferguson, J.M., Van Campen, J., Slightam, C., Jacobs, J.C., Heyworth, L. and Zulman, D. [Overcoming Access Barriers for Veterans: A Cohort Study of the Distribution and Use of VA's Video-Enabled Tablets Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#) *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 01/2023.

## Upcoming Meetings and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<a href="#">From Clicks to Change: Effective Engagement in Mobile Apps for PTSD and Other Mental Health Conditions</a> *VA employees can register for CE credit in TMS <a href="#">here</a>	Joseph Wielgosz, PhD	2/8/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST

## Past Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<a href="#">Developments in Virtual Care Technologies, Delivery, and Data Acquisition</a>	Terry Newton, MD Cathy Buck, RN, MS, GNP-BC Sara B. DeRycke	1/19/2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM EST
<a href="#">Tech into Care: Mobile Mental Health Lecture Series - PTSD Coach "in the Wild": Findings and Lessons Learned from Public Use Data</a>	Haijing Hallenbeck, PhD	1/11/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST

## Links to Resources

### Telehealth

- [VHA Telehealth Services Website](#)
- [Telehealth Intranet Site](#)
- [VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities](#)

### VA Mobile

- [VA Mobile | VA App Store](#)
- [New VA Mobile 'My App List' functionality/categories](#)
- [ANNIE Automated Texting System | SharePoint site](#)
- [VACO Mobile Mental Health & Technology | SharePoint site](#)
- [VA Mobile Health Practice Guide | SharePoint site](#)

### MyHealtheVet

- [MyHealtheVet | Portal Homepage](#)
- [MyHealtheVet | VA Intranet Product Homepage](#)
- [My HealtheVet Statistics - My HealtheVet Product \(va.gov\)](#)
- [My HealtheVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide](#)

### Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training

- [VHA Reports and Measures Portal \(RAMP\)](#)
- [Reporting and Analytics Field Training \(RAFT\)](#)
- [VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers](#)
- [Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes](#)

### Patient Generated Health Data

- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

### General Office of Connected Care

- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

## Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the Virtual Care Consortium of Research, please email the CORE team at [VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov](mailto:VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov).
- Please let us know if you have news to share with the community! Email us and we will add it to the next newsletter.
- Finally, [follow us on Twitter](#) for regular, bird-sized bits of information!

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*The mission of the VA Virtual Care Consortium of Research is to facilitate research that evaluates and improves use of virtual care to enhance the accessibility, capacity and quality of VA health care and Veteran experience.*

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